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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time from April 7, 2000 to and including July 7, 2000 in the above-referenced application.

Please charge the fee of \$870.00 for a three-month extension to the Fulbright & Jaworski, Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under order No. 09306611, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw. A duplicate copy of this request is attached for accounting purposes.

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